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Pastor Jennifer Herrmann



Dear Members and Friends of Trinity,

It's been one full year! Thank you for your generous hearts, loving prayers, and all the welcome that you have given me and Malachi. You have ushered me into ministry with this community and I am excited for this next year. What can we do together?

“Many hands make light work” “Team work makes the dream work” “Strength in numbers” all sayings that remind us that we are in this all together. We will be once again celebrating God’s Work, Our Hands Sunday this month, but it is also an everyday thing too. Each morning when we wake up, it is our hands, feet, heart, or mind that is doing the work – but God’s love can be carried through in everything we do.

This fall I’m looking forward to starting at least one bible/devotional/book study group. If you are interested in doing that, please let me know and keep an eye and ear out for more information to come. We also are looking at restarting a high school/young adult Sunday school class later. And to my dear confirmation students – you aren’t forgotten – We too, will be getting together and starting that journey. Things are on the horizon and I look forward to seeing what becomes!

May you all remember that you are wildly loved by the creator of the whole universe. You are valued and accepted for just being yourself. May you love God and love your neighbor.

Grace and Peace,

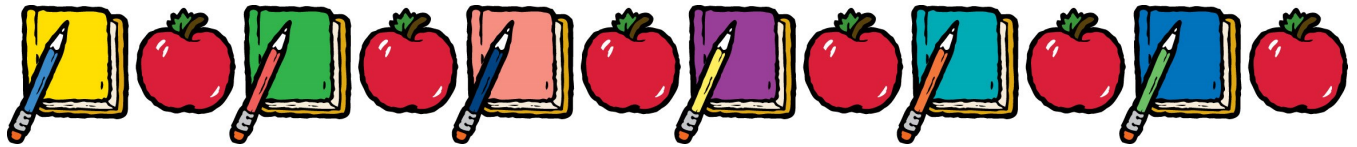
Pastor Jen



Youth and Family



As school is starting back up everywhere, so will we be starting back with SUNDAY SCHOOL here at Trinity! We welcome all kids age 3 through the 6th grade to join us starting Sunday, September 8 for our first class which will be led by Mrs. Carrie Killingsworth and Ms. Shelby Koch. Sunday school will start each week at 9:15am and go until 10:15am. We are looking forward to another great year of fun and fellowship at Sunday school with all the children!



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF KITS



The Community Mission Team is asking for your donations to make LWR Kits again this year. Needed yet are bath towels (approximately 27 x 52) which are available at Dollar General and Walmart for around \$3.50. Dark colors are preferred and toothbrushes. There is a great need for kits all over the world if you can help. Sunday, September 1 will be the last day for donations. Last year 105 kits were made. Let's try for a goal of 125 in 2024.

Kits will be assembled on September 8 between services and help assembling the kits would be greatly appreciated.



Young At Heart Schedule of Events – 2024

The Young At Heart will meet at Vita restaurant in Sandusky at 11:00 am on Wednesday, September 11, 2024. We will order off the menu.

Lunch will be followed by a tour of Care and Share.

Please sign up on the Young At Heart bulletin board so we have an idea of how many for reservations.

Hope you can join us!

THE YOUNG AT HEART WOULD SINCERELY LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR DONATIONS TO THE CANCER BAGS FOR CANCER SERVICES. ON AUGUST 11, WE ASSEMBLED 36 BAGS FOR THIS ORGANIZATION. THEY ARE VERY THANKFUL AND THRILLED. THEY ARE ALREADY PUTTING THEM TO USE. WE THANK GOD FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO HELP BRIGHTEN SOMEONE'S OTHERWISE DIFFICULT DAY.



Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Congregation of Sandusky, Ohio - Sandusky OH
Balance Sheet as of July 31, 2024

Wednesday, August 21, 2024

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Account #	Account Name	YTD Balance
<i>Assets</i>		
1.100.102	Checking Account	24,698.05
1.100.104	Petty Cash Fund	20.00
1.100.106	Thrivent Bond Fund Checking	62,468.00
1.200.114	Thrivent Money Market Account	1,671.33
1.220.116	Endowment Savings Thrivent	116,262.19
1.220.118	Mission Plus Investments (3 CD's)	4,055.25
1.220.120	Edward Jones Mutual Fund	291,041.60
1.220.122	Edward Jones CD	19,993.03
1.400.110	Thrivent Moderate Fund (Reserve)	60,796.43
1.400.112	Thrivent Moderate Fund - Pavement	762.43
Total Assets		\$581,768.31
<i>Liabilities</i>		
2.100.216	Ohio Treasurer of St	708.00
2.100.218	R.I.T.A.	103.54
2.100.219	Ohio Department of Taxation	32.80
Total Liabilities		\$844.34
<i>Fund Balances</i>		
3.100.300	Current Fund Balance	29,193.81
3.210.300	Community Mission Fund Balance	1,611.81
3.220.300	<i>Designated Giving Fund Balance</i>	
3.221.300	Memorial Fund Balance	36,361.67
3.222.300	Endowment Fund Balance	120,317.44
3.223.300	Building Improvement Fund Balance	40,838.78
3.225.300	Pavement Fund Balance	762.43
3.227.300	Charity Fund Balance	291,041.60
<i>Total Designated Giving Fund Balance</i>		<i>\$489,321.92</i>
3.400.300	Reserve Fund Balance	60,796.43
Total Fund Balances		\$580,923.97
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances		<u>\$581,768.31</u>

COUNCIL UPDATE

TRINITY CONGREGATION COUNCIL Meeting Highlights - August 15, 2024 - 7:00 pm (These are unapproved meeting minutes)

Attending: Pat Wiedenheft, Jim Bertsch, P. Jen, Carrie Wiedenheft, Kathy Bango, Barb Sessler, Bill Bertsch, and Secretary Carol Dahs, Absent: Gayle Thompson, Nancy Vollmer, Betsy Stierhoff

Meeting called to order by President – Carrie Wiedenheft

Opening devotions were given by Kathy Bango

Minutes of previous meeting (July 2024) were reviewed. Pat made a motion to accept the July meeting minutes. 2nd by Kathy. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report for July 2024 were reviewed. Jim said the Community Mission funds for the 2nd half of the year were mailed out. Thank you notes are coming in now. Barb made a motion to accept the July treasurer's report. 2nd by Kathy. Motion passed.

President's Report: Carrie reported that Carol's husband is looking to retire somewhere in the next year and a half. This will make it so that Carol needs to find health insurance and/or a raise in pay. Discussion followed. The team of P. Jen, Bill, and Jim will look into options for Trinity and Carol. Carrie and P. Jen have been discussing starting up a High School Sunday School Class. Hoping to have something going by October. They are also looking into having some youth participate in the ELCA Youth Gathering in Minneapolis MN in 2027.

Pastor's Report: P. Jen did some checking with Portico on health insurance for Carol. She was able to find that Portico will insure part time people and received some quotes. The wedding of Kim Stierhoff and Morgan Otto will take place this Saturday. Omni Fiber was installed at the parsonage and church. Need to switch the phones over yet. Shut in visits have been delayed. Stephen Sharp and his daughter are back in the area and have attended Trinity services. P. Jen had lunch with a fellow Episcopal priest. P. Jen and Malachi will be on vacation August 20 through 23. P. Jen will be on vacation November 10 and will find a fill in for that Sunday.

Congregational Life – Kathy Bango – The Cancer Center wanted to thank The Young at Heart for the 36 bags for cancer patients plus extra supplies.

Faith Builders – Pat Wiedenheft – There will be the annual blessing of the book bags on August 25. Sunday School will probably start on September 15.

Community Mission – Betsy Stierhoff – Betsy's group assembled 100 lunch bags for Care & Share on July 28. They are currently collecting LWR personal care kit items that will be assembled on September 8 for GWOH's day. Jim received \$250 from Thrivent to help purchase needed items.

Property – Bill Bertsch – Bill will call Diamond Dave about the garage door opener for the parsonage. Basement window at the parsonage does need to be replaced. Bill will see if he can contact someone to work on this. Bill sprayed for wasps in the garage and corrected the drainage on the ac unit in the basement. The new freezer is in the basement and the old has been hauled away. Bill installed some hooks in the sacristy for the candle starters. The storm windows should be installed the week after Labor Day.

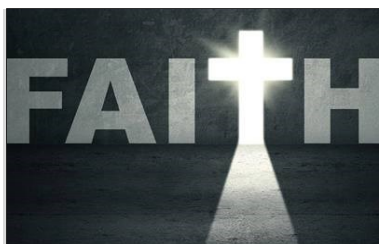
Stewardship & Finance – Jim Bertsch – A CD came do and Jim renewed it for another year. The interest rate has dropped from 5.15% to 4.15%.

Worship and Music – Nancy Vollmer/Barb Sessler – Their next meeting will be in September.

Young at Heart – Nancy Vollmer – Cancer bags were assembled and then cupcakes from Candy were enjoyed. Next month they will be having lunch at Vita and then visiting Care and Share for a tour. They are looking into seeing a couple Harlequin plays in 2025.

Old Business – Barb S & Bonnie L. are working on getting picture frames to hang P. Kathy, P. Ralph, and P. Jen's pictures in the office.

New Business – It was discussed on how to shorten up the bulletin to help conserve paper. Printing of the Prayers of Intercession and The Lord's Prayer could be done. Less copies can be done if first service continues to leave most of them for the second service.



FAITH Member Ministry

Friends and Family **A**biding in Christ **I**n **T**heir
Homes/Hospitals/Healthcare Centers

“You never know when a moment and a few sincere words can have an impact on a life forever.” – Zig Ziglar

FAITH Members (as of 8/1/2024)

At the Commons of Providence, 5000 Providence Drive, Sandusky

Ruth Sieb	Apt #107	Birthday - Sept. 19
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At the Commons of Providence Memory Care Unit, 4901 Providence Drive, Sandusky

Ruby Stierhoff	Rm #114	Birthday - July 26
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Mary Ann Neidler	Rm #111	Birthday - Dec 30
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At Parkvue Community, 3800 Boardwalk Blvd, Sandusky OH 44870

Ray Remy	Apt. 112	Birthday - Feb 9
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At Portland Place, 3808 Venice Rd, Sandusky OH 44870

Nancy Sessler		Birthday - Oct 5
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At Providence Care Center, 2025 Hayes Avenue, Sandusky, Ohio 44870

At The Meadows of Osborn Park, 3916 Perkins Avenue, Huron, Ohio 44839

At Otterbein Senior Life, 9400 North Shore Blvd, Lakeside-Marblehead OH 43440

At the Commons of Providence Assisted Living Building, 5000 Providence Drive, Sandusky

At the Willows of Bellevue, 101 Auxiliary Drive, Bellevue, Ohio 44811

At Heritage Village, 700 Helen Street, Clyde, Ohio 43410

In their homes:

Pat Nielsen	1502 Martins Point Road, Sandusky	419-684-5627	June 6
Judy Welser	5619 Debra Drive, Castalia	419-684-7232	Feb. 11
Laura Allen	2015 Cedar Point Rd, Sandusky		

Should you like to join our team in making home visits, where we offer conversation, prayers and communion, please contact Patty Swartz at 419-626-4970.



**Crossroads Homeless Shelter
Meal
for September 18, 2024**

**Pork & Gravy over
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Veggie Salad
Applesauce
Jell-o Salad
Bread & Butter**

Jim is still cooking monthly meals for Crossroads. If you would like to support this ministry please send your donation to the church and mark it Homeless Meal.



TRY TRINITY'S NEW QR CODE if you would like to easily make donations to the church. Just place your phone camera over it like you are going to take a picture. The link will show up on your phone and you can just tap on it and go to the website with the donation button.

Trinity Lutheran Church



Online Offering



JAM!

**TODAY'S CHRISTIAN MUSIC
IN A SPIRIT-FILLED
ATMOSPHERE!**

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SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

BETWEEN SERVICES

SEPTEMBER MILESTONES

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Maree Markley
- 4 Jeffrey Nielsen
- 6 Warren L Canter
- 9 Hunter Schwochow
Drew Killingsworth
- 10 Noah Warner
Mason Russell
- 12 Jean Holbrook
- 13 Jeff Gill
- 14 Roy Patterson
- 16 John Miller
Jameson Stierhoff
- 17 Donald Parker
Adam Ashby
- 19 Ruth Sieb
Kristi Meuschke
- 21 Beth Ashby
Tyler Fifield-Hershey



- 24 Shelly Robbins
Tyler Hemmer
Carlie Wiedenheft
- 25 Alice Orshoski
Lily Hirt
- 26 Cory Orshoski
Kim Likes
Samantha Canter
- 27 Susan Smith
- 29 Wendy Wiedenheft
- 30 Chase Stierhoff

ANNIVERSARIES

- 7 Randy & Tricia Patten - 34th
- 15 Dennis & Barbara Sessler - 51st
Tim & Rachel Haynes - 6th
- 20 Robert & Dolores Troike - 49th
- 30 Michael & Angie Ramsdell - 24th
Joseph & Mary Miller - 7th



MEMORIALS/HONORARIUMS

Debra & Jerome Coleman in
memory of Phyllis Baum

Mission Endowment donation from
Alice Bertsch in memory of Robert
Bertsch.



*In Our
Thoughts
and Prayers*



On behalf of the people of Trinity, our Congregation Council thanks:

- To Adele Hoffman for tutoring some of our youth on the piano.
- To Ann VanRaepenbusch for making Macaroni Salad for the August Crossroads meal.



SEPTEMBER 2024

M O N T U E S W E D T H U R S F R I S A T						
1 Fifteenth Sunday of Pentecost Communion Service 8:00 & 10:30 am	2 Office Closed Labor Day	3	4 AA/NA 9 - 10 am Worship & Music Mtg - 1 pm NA 7:00 pm	5	6	7 NA 11:00 am
8 Sixteenth Sunday of Pentecost Worship Service 8:00 & 10:30 am GWOH Sunday 9:15 am Sunday School 9:15 am	9	10	11 AA/NA 9 - 10 am Young at Heart - 1pm NA 7:00 pm	12	13	14 NA 11:00 am
15 Seventeenth Sunday of Pentecost Communion Service 8:00 & 10:30 am Sunday School 9:00 am JAM Session 9:30 am	16	17	18 AA/NA 9 - 10 am Crossroads Meal 1pm NA 7:00 pm	19 Council Mtg 7:00 pm	20 Carol on Vacation	21 NA 11:00 am
22 Eighteenth Sunday of Pentecost Worship Service 8:00 & 10:30 am Sunday School 9:00 am	23	24	25 AA/NA 9 - 10 am NA 7:00 pm	26	27	28 NA 11:00 am
29 Nineteenth Sunday of Pentecost Worship Service 8:00 & 10:30 am Sunday School 9:00 am	30					

HELPERS AT WORSHIP - September 2024 and October 2024

Date	Chancel Flowers	Memorial Flowers	8:00 am Service			10:30 am Service		
			Ushers	Lector	Acolyte	Ushers	Lector	Acolyte
Altar Care for September: Sally Warner & Bonnie Lieb Communion Assistant - 8:00 - Guy Miller 10:30 - Jim Bertsch								
September 1	Mike & Maree Markley		Justin Stierhoff Rex Stierhoff	Russ Stephens	Zane Warner	Charles Howard Gary Lieb	Candy Beatty	Claire Conner
September 8	Ken & Carrie Killingsworth		Justin Stierhoff Rex Stierhoff	Carrie Wiedenheft	Emma Killingsworth	Charles Howard Gary Lieb	Cathy Wobser	Malachi Herrmann
September 15	Don & Kathy Parker	Fred Wobser	Justin Stierhoff Rex Stierhoff	Sally Warner	Mya Smith	Charles Howard Gary Lieb	Gayle Thompson	Natalie Thompson
September 22	Mark & Carrie Wiedenheft		Justin Stierhoff Rex Stierhoff	Erica Miller	Lincoln Smith	Charles Howard Gary Lieb	Natalie Thompson	Mason Russell
September 29	Tom & Peggy Kingsborough	Todd & Ann Stream	Justin Stierhoff Rex Stierhoff	Joyce Patterson	Drew Killingsworth	Charles Howard Gary Lieb	Candy Beatty	Eli Conner
Altar Care for October: Barb Sessler Communion Assistant - 8:00 - Sally Warner 10:30 - Gayle Thompson								
October 6	David & Cathy Wobser	Linda Gantz	Guy Miller Mark Wiedenheft	Guy Miller	Tyler Wiedenheft	Ken Schenk Bonnie Lieb	Candy Beatty	Mason Russell
October 13	Ken & Carrie Killingsworth	Wendy Wiedenheft	Guy Miller Mark Wiedenheft	Russ Stephens	Carlie Wiedenheft	Ken Schenk Bonnie Lieb	Cathy Wobser	Malachi Herrmann
October 20	Denny & Barb Sessler	Greg Norman	Guy Miller Mark Wiedenheft	Sally Warner	Mariska Farlow	Ken Schenk Bonnie Lieb	Gayle Thompson	Claire Conner
October 27	Jen Herrmann	Candy Beatty	Guy Miller Mark Wiedenheft	Carrie Wiedenheft	Zane Warner	Ken Schenk Bonnie Lieb	Natalie Thompson	Eli Conner

Prayers, Readings and Psalm for the month of September

September 1 - Fifteenth Sunday of Pentecost

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9 - *God's law: a sign of a great nation*
Psalm 15 - LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? (*Ps. 15:1*)
James 1:17-27 - *Be doers of the word, not hearers only*
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 - *Authentic religion*

Prayer of the Day: O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

September 8 - Sixteenth Sunday of Pentecost

Isaiah 35:4-7a - *Like streams in the desert, God comes with healing*
Psalm 146 - I will praise the LORD as long as I live. (*Ps. 146:2*)
James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17 - *Faith without works is dead*
Mark 7:24-37 - *Christ healing a little girl and a deaf man*

Prayer of the Day: Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord.
Amen.

September 15 - Seventeenth Sunday of Pentecost

Isaiah 50:4-9a - *The servant is vindicated by God*
Psalm 116:1-9 - I will walk in the presence of the LORD. (*Ps. 116:9*)
James 3:1-12 - *Dangers of the unbridled tongue*
Mark 8:27-38 - *Peter's confession of faith*

Prayer of the Day: O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

September 22 - Eighteenth Sunday of Pentecost

Jeremiah 11:18-20 - *The prophet led like a lamb to slaughter*
Psalm 54 - God is my helper; it is the Lord who sustains my life. (*Ps. 54:4*)
James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a - *The wisdom from above*
Mark 9:30-37 - *Prediction of the passion*

Prayer of the Day: O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

September 29 - Nineteenth Sunday of Pentecost

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29 - *The LORD's spirit comes upon seventy elders*
Psalm 19:7-14 - The commandment of the LORD gives light to the eyes. (*Ps. 19:8*)
James 5:13-20 - *Prayer and anointing in the community*
Mark 9:38-50 - *Warnings to those who obstruct faith*

Prayer of the Day: Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

August 21, 2024

Trinity Lutheran Church
502 Bardshar Road
Sandusky, OH 44870

Dear Members of Trinity Lutheran Church,

On behalf of Cancer Services, we want to express our sincere gratitude for the 36 welcome bags your congregation generously donated for our cancer clients. These bags, assembled by your Young at Heart group with items donated by the congregation, are filled with thoughtful items that make a meaningful impact on our clients as they undergo treatment.

Thank you for collecting so many needed items such as blankets, socks, ChapStick, puzzle books, journals, water bottles, and more help to provide relief, support, and comfort for local cancer patients. These carefully chosen items not only provide practical support but also send a powerful message of care and compassion. Our clients feel comforted knowing that others are thinking of them and supporting them through this difficult time.

At Cancer Services, we are dedicated to improving the quality of life for individuals and families affected by cancer in Erie, Huron, and Ottawa Counties. We provide essential services such as nutrition assistance, prescription assistance, transportation to cancer-related appointments, medical supplies (pullups, gloves, Pedialyte, etc.) and equipment (hospital bed, walker, shower chair, bedside commode chair, etc.), wigs, and mastectomy supplies—all at no cost to the patient or their families. These services are vital in helping alleviate the financial, physical, and emotional burdens that accompany cancer treatment. By alleviating these burdens, we help patients focus on their recovery and spend more quality time with their loved ones.

Your generous contribution enhances our ability to fulfill this mission. By providing these welcome bags, you have directly impacted the lives of our clients, offering both comfort and care during a challenging time.

Thank you again for your compassion and continued support. Your generosity will have a lasting impact on the lives of many.

With gratitude,

Cancer Services Team
Cecily Brown
Kathleen St. Clair
Kathy Bango



FREE COMMUNITY DINNER

Open to the community!

Grace Lutheran Church
203 S. Washington St.
Castalia, OH 44824

Wednesday, Sept. 11th
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm (or until gone)
FREE
Drive-thru pickup in the back of church

Delivery is available for shut-ins call 419-357-3672 to schedule a delivery.

Menu:
**Grilled Chicken Sandwich, Cole Slaw,
Baked Beans & Dessert**

